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Arrangements for the participation of non-governmental organizations in the special session of the General Assembly on children

The General Assembly decides that:

(a) A limited number of representatives of non-governmental organizations with specific expertise in the subject matter of the special session of the General Assembly on children will be invited to participate in the debate in the plenary of the special session, given availability of time;

(b) Non-governmental organizations will select spokespersons among themselves and will provide the list thereof to the President of the General Assembly through the Secretariat;

(c) The President of the General Assembly will be invited to select those non-governmental organizations that will participate in the debate in the plenary, on an equal and transparent basis, taking into account the geographical representation and diversity of non-governmental organizations;

(d) Representatives of non-governmental organizations may also make statements in the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole;

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The General Assembly decides that:

- (a) Representatives of non-governmental organizations accredited to the special session* may make statements in the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the special session;
- (b) Given availability of time, a limited number of representatives of non-governmental organizations accredited to the special session* may also make statements in the debate in the plenary of the special session;
- (c) The President of the General Assembly is requested to present the list of selected non-governmental organizations to the Member States in a timely manner for approval. The President of the General Assembly is also requested to ensure that such selection is made on an equal and transparent basis, taking into account the geographical representation and diversity of non-governmental organizations;
- (d) These arrangements shall in no way create a precedent for other special sessions of the General Assembly.

* Non-governmental organizations accredited to the special session in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on Children either enjoy consultative status in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996 or are accredited to UNICEF or have a collaborative relationship and partnership with UNICEF.





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Provisional agenda and organizational matters for the special session of the General Assembly on children

The Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on Children recommends to the Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I

Provisional agenda for the special session

The General Assembly adopts the following provisional agenda for its twenty-seventh special session:

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of the President of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly.
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.
3. Credentials of representatives to the special session of the General Assembly:
 - (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
 - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. Election of the President.
5. Report of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on Children.
6. Organization of the session.
7. Adoption of the agenda.



8. Review of the achievements in the implementation and results of the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children and Plan of Action for Implementing the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children in the 1990s.
9. Renewal of commitment and future action for children in the next decade.
10. Adoption of the final document.

Draft decision II

Organizational arrangements for the special session

The General Assembly adopts the following organizational arrangements for its twenty-seventh special session:

Date and duration

1. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 55/26 of 20 November 2000, the special session shall be held from 19 to 21 September 2001.

Title of the special session

2. On the basis of General Assembly resolution 55/26, the title of the special session shall be as follows: "Special session of the General Assembly on children".

President

3. The special session shall take place under the presidency of the President of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly.

Vice-Presidents

4. The Vice-Presidents of the special session shall be the same as those of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly.

Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole

5. The General Assembly shall establish an Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the Twenty-seventh Special Session.
6. The Bureau of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole shall consist of one Chairperson and four Vice-Chairpersons, one of whom will serve as Rapporteur. The Bureau of the Preparatory Committee will serve as the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole.

Credentials Committee

7. The Credentials Committee of the special session shall have the same membership as the Credentials Committee of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly.

General Committee

8. The General Committee shall consist of the President and the 21 Vice-Presidents of the special session, the Chairpersons of the six Main Committees of

the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly and the Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole.

Rules of procedure

9. The rules of procedure of the General Assembly shall apply to the special session.

Allocation of items

10. All items of the provisional agenda shall be considered directly in the plenary of the special session; the substantive items shall also be allocated to the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole.

Level of representation

11. In accordance with resolution 54/93 of 7 December 1999, participation shall be at the highest possible level.

Schedule of plenary meetings

12. Six plenary meetings will be held, as follows:

Wednesday, 19 September, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday, 20 September, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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Debate in plenary

13. Statements in the debate in the plenary of the special session shall be limited to five minutes.

14. The list of speakers for the debate in the plenary will be established by a drawing of lots.

15. Member States, the Holy See and Switzerland, in their capacity as observer States, and Palestine, in its capacity as observer, will be invited to participate in the drawing of lots.

16. The order of precedence for the list of speakers will be as follows: (a) heads of State/heads of Government; (b) Vice-Presidents/Crown Princes or Princesses; (c) the highest-ranking official of the Holy See and Switzerland, in their capacity as observer States, and of Palestine, in its capacity as observer; (d) Deputy Prime Ministers; (e) Ministers; (f) Vice-Ministers; and (g) Chairmen of Delegations.

Participation of Member States

17. In its resolution 55/26, the General Assembly reaffirmed the need for the full and effective participation of Member States in the special session. In its resolutions 54/93 and 55/26, the Assembly invited the participation of heads of State and Government in the special session.

Participation of speakers other than Member States

18. With respect to the participation of observers in the debate in plenary:

(a) A number of organizations and entities have received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly;

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Agenda item 6

**Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee
on its second substantive session****Draft report****I. Introduction**

1. In its resolution 54/93 of 7 December 1999, the General Assembly decided to convene in 2001 a special session for the follow-up to the World Summit for Children. It also decided to establish an open-ended preparatory committee to prepare for the outcome of the special session. The General Assembly further requested the preparatory committee to convene one organizational session on 7 and 8 February 2000 and one substantive session from 30 May to 2 June 2000, and to propose to the Assembly its requirements for further meetings in 2001.

2. In paragraph 15 of its resolution 55/26 of 20 November 2000, the General Assembly decided to convene the special session on children from 19 to 21 September 2001. In paragraph 16 of the same resolution, the Assembly decided to convene two further substantive sessions of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on Children in New York during 2001, one from 29 January to 2 February and the other from 11 to 15 June.

II. Organizational matters**A. Opening and the duration of the session**

3. The Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on Children held its second substantive session at United Nations Headquarters from 29 January to 2 February 2001. The Committee held 10 meetings (1st to 10th), including meetings of two panel discussions and briefings on child-related conferences and events.

4. The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) acted as the substantive secretariat, while the Disarmament and Decolonization Organs Servicing Branch of the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services of the United Nations Secretariat served as technical secretariat of the Committee.

5. The session was opened by the Chairperson of the Committee, Patricia Durrant (Jamaica), who made an opening statement. The President of the General Assembly, Harri Holkeri (Finland), made an introductory statement.

6. The Executive Director of UNICEF, Carol Bellamy, also made a statement.



B. Officers

7. The composition of the Bureau of the Committee remained the same as for its organizational and first substantive sessions:

Chairman:

Patricia Durrant (Jamaica)

Vice-Chairmen:

Madina Ly Tall (Mali)

Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh)

Lidija Topic (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Hanns Schumacher (Germany)

C. Adoption of the agenda

8. At its 1st meeting, on 29 January, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda (A/AC.256/7), as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Organization of work.
4. Organizational arrangements for the preparatory process and the special session.
5. Consideration of the outcome of the special session.
6. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its second substantive session.
7. Other matters.

D. Documentation

9. The Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Committee on its first session (A/55/43 (Part II));

(b) Provisional agenda and annotations (A/AC.256/7 and Add.1);

(c) Note by the Chairperson of the Committee on the participation of children and adolescents in the special session (A/AC.256/8);

(d) Note by the Chairperson of the Committee on the draft provisional agenda and organizational

matters for the special session (A/AC.256/9 and Add.1 and Corr.1);

(e) Information note by the Secretariat on the establishment of the list of speakers for the debate in the plenary of the special session (A/AC.256/10);

(f) Letter dated 22 January 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/AC.256/11);

(g) Letter dated 6 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/AC.256/12);

(h) Draft provisional outcome document, entitled "A world fit for children", submitted by the Bureau of the Committee (A/AC.256/CRP.6);

(i) Provisional programme of work (A/AC.256/CRP.7);

(j) Contributions from United Nations organizations and bodies on their follow-up to the World Summit for Children (A/AC.256/CRP.8);

(k) Draft decision submitted by the Bureau of the Committee, entitled "Arrangements for the participation of entities of the United Nations system in the special session of the General Assembly on children" (A/AC.256/L.9 and Rev.1);

(l) Draft decision submitted by the Bureau of the Committee, entitled "Arrangements for the participation of non-governmental organizations in the special session of the General Assembly on children" (A/AC.256/L.10 and Rev.1);

(m) Draft decisions submitted by the Bureau of the Committee, entitled "Provisional agenda for the special session" and "Organizational arrangements for the special session" (A/AC.256/L.11 and Rev.1).

III. Organizational arrangements for the preparatory process and the special session

10. The Committee considered item 4 at its 1st to 5th meetings, on 29, 30 and 31 January. At the 1st meeting, on 29 January, the Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF, Kul Gautam, made a presentation to the Committee on the update on reviews and appraisals of

preliminary results of the implementation of the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children and the Plan of Action for Implementing the Declaration in the 1990s.

11. Representatives of a number of Member States, United Nations specialized agencies, funds and programmes, as well as non-governmental organizations, made statements. Proposals on the question of the participation of entities of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations, as well as the provisional agenda and organizational matters for the special session, were put forward by the Bureau.

12. In accordance with its programme of work (A/AC.256/CRP.7), the Committee held two panel discussions and heard briefings on the United Nations, international and regional conferences, and events related to children. The summaries of the panel discussions by the respective Chairpersons are contained in the annex.

A. Participation of entities of the United Nations system in the special session

13. At its ___ meeting, on 2 February, the Committee recommended to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session the adoption of a draft decision entitled "Arrangements for the participation of entities of the United Nations system in the special session of the General Assembly on children" (A/AC.256/L.9/Rev.1) (see chap. VI, sect. A, draft decision I).

B. Participation of non-governmental organizations in the special session

14. At its ___ meeting, on 2 February, the Committee recommended to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session the adoption of a draft decision entitled "Arrangements for the participation of non-governmental organizations in the special session of the General Assembly on children" (A/AC.256/L.10/Rev.1) (see chap. VI, sect. A, draft decision II).

C. Provisional agenda and organizational matters for the special session

15. At its ___ meeting, on 2 February, the Committee recommended to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh special session the adoption of draft decisions entitled "Provisional agenda of the special session" and "Organizational matters for the special session" (A/AC.256/L.11/Rev.1, draft decisions I and II) (see chap. VI, sect. B, draft decisions I and II).

IV. Consideration of the outcome of the special session

16. The Committee considered agenda item 5 at its 5th to 8th meetings, on 31 January and 1 February. Many Member States and United Nations specialized agencies, funds and programmes, as well as non-governmental organizations, made statements, comments and suggestions on the draft provisional outcome document (A/AC.256/CRP.6).

17. At its ___ meeting, on 2 February, the Committee agreed to authorize its Bureau, with the support of the substantive secretariat, to prepare a revised version of the draft outcome document, taking into account the views expressed during its second substantive session, for consideration at the third substantive session.

V. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its second substantive session

18. At its ___ meeting, on 2 February, the Committee took note of the summaries by the Chairpersons of the two panels convened at its second substantive session (see annex).

19. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft report on its second substantive session (A/AC.256/L.12).

VI. Recommendations of the Committee

A. Draft decisions for adoption by the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth regular session

20. The Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on Children recommends to the Assembly at its fifty-fifth session the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I

Arrangements for the participation of entities of the United Nations system in the special session of the General Assembly on Children

[For the text of the draft decision, see A/AC.256/L.9/Rev.1]

Draft decision II

Arrangements for the participation of non-governmental organizations in the special session of the General Assembly on Children

[For the text of the draft decision, see A/AC.256/L.10/Rev.1]

B. Draft decisions for adoption by the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh special session

21. The Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on Children recommends to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh special session the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I

Provisional agenda of the special session

[For the text of the draft decision, see A/AC.256/L.11/Rev.1, draft decision I]

Draft decision II

Organizational arrangements for the special session

[For the text of the draft decision, see A/AC.256/L.11/Rev.1, draft decision II]

Annex

Summaries by the Chairpersons of the two panels

Panel discussion I

Adolescent development and participation

[To be completed]

Panel discussion II

The girl child

[To be completed]
